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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for NSC Paper concerning Continental Defense

1. In order to furnish intelligence support for the forthcoming NSC paper on Continental Defense, scheduled for Council consideration on 17 February, and for NSC Planning Board consideration on 8 and 11 February, the IAC is already undertaking — at the specific request of NSC — SNIE 11-54, dealing with the likelihood of war through 1957. The conclusions of this paper will be inserted in the main body of the NSC paper, and the estimate itself will be a reference paper.

2. NSC work on Continental Defense, leading to the present policy, NSC 159/4, was further supported by SE 36/1, dealing with Soviet capabilities for attack on the US through mid-1955. This estimate, in turn, rested as to Soviet atomic stockpile information on NSIE-1, the JAEIC basic paper. Although NSC has not formally requested such support, the NSC Staff has agreed that it would be highly desirable to have the information in SE-36/1 brought up to date and projected forward to at least the end of 1957.

3. In view of the extremely short deadline, it has not seemed possible to undertake a new fully coordinated estimate for this purpose. However, there are available for use two papers in final stages of coordination, the new JAEIC paper on atomic stockpiles and the [REDACTED] 25X1X7□
SE-36/1 and running (in one edition) through mid-1958. Accordingly, we propose to furnish to the NSC a paper on Soviet capabilities for attack on the US, through mid-1958 which would be appropriately labeled as to its degree of coordination and authority (as discussed in paragraph 4 below) and which would be written in the format of SE-36/1, but with the substance of the JAEIC [REDACTED] papers. This paper would be presented on the authority of the Director of Central Intelligence as intelligence advisor to the Council. 25X1X7□

4. As to the labeling, it is obviously essential that the paper should not be confused with fully coordinated national intelligence. A note to this effect would be inserted at the head of the paper, indicating that the paper was based on the best available departmental intelligence (not referring specifically to [REDACTED] and had been reviewed

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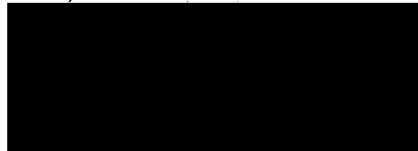
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generally by the intelligence offices of IAC member agencies, but that it had not been specifically and finally cleared.

5. In order to provide the greatest possible degree of coordination under the circumstances, we propose to forward a proposed draft to your representatives, in the same manner as an estimate draft, on Thursday, 4 February, requesting your comment by close of business on Monday, 8 February. We would then seek to reflect these comments in a final draft to go to NSC on Tuesday, 9 February for dissemination to the Planning Board for use on the 11th and to the Council (purely as a supporting staff study, and again appropriately labeled) for use on the 17th.

6. If, however, the IAC wishes formally to approve the draft in a special meeting or by telephone, we will do everything possible to make such a procedure operable.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE



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